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**Request to Repurpose Unused Medical Equipment for RAM Clinic**

Remote Area Medical Volunteer Corporation (RAM) is a nonprofit volunteer organization that offers free health services (health, dental and vision care) on a short term basis in various locations. RAM has successfully held hundreds of free clinics providing services to thousands of men, women and children. RAM's free clinic in Los Angeles last year provided approximately 14,500 medical, dental and vision services to more than 6,300 patients.

RAM will host its second annual free health clinic in Los Angeles from April 27 to May 3, 2010 at the Los Angeles Sports Arena, 3911 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90031, starting at 5:30 a.m. In addition to the immediate care provided during the free clinic, RAM will emphasize health education, prevention, and self-care.

The Department of Health Services and the Department of Public Health have unused equipment, including a mobile dental van, the use of which by RAM volunteers would enhance RAM's ability to provide free services at these events.

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**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Delegate authority to the Interim Director of the Department of Health Services and the Director of the Department of Public Health, or their designees, to enter into one or more agreements with RAM which allow RAM to use, without compensation to the County of Los Angeles (County), on a temporary basis, no more frequently than four (4) times per year, otherwise unused by the County equipment, including but not limited to mobile dental or medical vans, for the provision of free care. Such agreements shall be approved in advance by the Chief Executive Office and County Counsel, contain appropriate insurance and indemnification provisions, and provide that such use is without cost to the County.

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